



RAMONA

In the Valley of the Sun

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Ms. Hesse,

I was told that individuals wishing to express their opinion on the pending settlement in the case of US v. Microsoft are allowed to send their letters to number above. I support the settlement. Please accept this letter and include it with those members of the public who believe the courts should approve of the settlement.

Though it is the purpose of the courts to review facts, it is nearly impossible to consider the politics of this issue. I am writing in support of the settlement because some of the politics should be explained to the courts.

Specifically, I believe it is important to recognize that nine of the original states and the federal government have endorsed this settlement. That concept alone speaks volumes about whether the settlement is adequate. More importantly, those states that have rejected the settlement are not doing so based on the facts surrounding the case; they are doing so because of the politics. Attorney General Lockyer and Attorney General Miller are far from objective on this issue. They have used it to generate favor among other hi-tech companies and raise their profile.

This is sent to you as my opinion and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of other board members. I ask that you include my name on the list of those supporting this settlement.

Bob Hailey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Hailey".

President, Board of Education  
Ramona Unified School District